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## FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR Garcia DATE TYPED 01-22-04 HB \_\_\_\_\_

SHORT TITLE Expand NMSU Intercollegiate Sports SB 63

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### APPROPRIATION

Appropriation Contained		Estimated Additional Impact		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY04	FY05	FY04	FY05		
	250.0			Recurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis ( ) Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

Duplicates HB 13

Relates to Appropriation in the General Appropriation Act

### SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files  
CHE Funding Recommendations for FY05

Response Received From  
NMSU

No Response  
Commission on Higher Education (CHE)

### SUMMARY

#### Synopsis of Bill

Senate Bill 63 appropriates \$250 thousand from the general fund to the Board of Regents of NMSU to expand the intercollegiate sports program at NMSU to meet membership criterion of the Nation Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA).

#### Significant Issues

The analysis provided by NMSU indicates that new NCAA Division I-A and federal requirements are being imposed that will necessitate New Mexico State University adding a new NCAA

program, the sport of women's equestrian, to include scholarships, coaching and an athletic trainer.

### **FISCAL IMPLICATIONS**

The appropriation of \$250 thousand contained in this bill is a recurring expense to the general fund. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of FY05 shall revert to the general fund.

### **OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES**

The funding recommendation for intercollegiate athletics submitted to the CHE by the NMSU Board of Regents includes a program change of \$250 thousand, presumably for the expansion of athletics. The analysis prepared by NMSU states these funds, if appropriated, will be used to start a new program for women. However, documents prepared by the CHE suggest this recommendation was not approved by the Commission.

### **POSSIBLE QUESTIONS**

1. Was this request approved by the CHE?
2. What will happen if this request is not approved?

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